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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EWWT, ELAB  
SUBJECT: MONTREAL LONGSHOREMEN AGREE TO THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

1. LONGSHOREMEN IN MONTREAL'S PORT VOTED SATURDAY BY SECRET BALLOT TO ACCEPT A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT. VOTE FOLLOWED NOTICE FROM MARITIME EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION THAT PAYMENTS FROM FUND GUARANTEEING MINIMUM WORK HOURS WOULD BE SUSPENDED IF CONTRACT WAS NOT ACCEPTED. SUPPORT FRO NEW CONTRACT MAY APPEAR SOMEWHAT SURPRISING ON SURFACE, AS IT WAS SAME CONTRACT WHICH WAS OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED IN SHOW-OF-HANDS VOTE LAST WEEK. COMBINATION OF SWITCH TO SECRET BALLOT VOTE-"GOONISM" AND INTIMIDATION ARE COMMON IN QUEBEC LABOR SCENE - AND THREAT BY EMPLOYERS TO SUSPENDWORK SECURITY FUND PAYMENTS WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH, HOWEVER, TO SWING VOTE TO APPROVAL.

2. NEW CONTRACT INCREASES WAGES FOR 1978 FROM \$8 PER HOUR TO \$8.50 PER HOUR, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1. HOURLY WAGES WILL BE INCREASED TO \$9.25 JANUARY 1, 1979 AND TO \$10 JANUARY 1, 1980.

3. WHILE THRERE HAD BEEN NO WORK STOPPAGES AT MONTREAL'S PORT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, SHIPS HAD BEEN AVOIDING PORT DURING LST SEVERAL WEEKS IN ANTICIPATION OF STRIKE.

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